



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Sandiganbayan
 Quezon City

SIXTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on **December 16, 2020**

PRESENT:

HON. SARAH JANE T. FERNANDEZ.....Associate Justice
HON. KEVIN NARCE B. VIVERO.....Associate Justice
HON. ZALDY V. TRESPESES*Associate Justice

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-20-CRM-0012 to 0013

PEOPLE vs. ANTONIO Y. ORTIZ, ET AL.

The Court **NOTES** the prosecution's *Compliance*¹ and the attached authenticated copy of the *Certificate of Death* of one Alfredo Ablaza Ronquillo, filed upon the Court's directive during the hearing held on October 23, 2020, for the prosecution to confirm the death of accused Alfredo Ablaza Ronquillo.

There being no objection from the prosecution, and since it appears from the *Certificate of Death* issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority that a certain Alfredo Ablaza Ronquillo passed away on January 27, 2009, the Court deems the death of accused Ronquillo as having been sufficiently established.

In view of the foregoing, pursuant to Article 89 of the Revised Penal Code, the Court hereby **DISMISSES** SB-20-CRM-0012 to 0013 as against accused Alfredo Ablaza Ronquillo. The Court notes that accused Ronquillo passed away even before the present cases were filed. The *Hold Departure Orders* issued against him by reason of these cases are ordered lifted.

SO ORDERED.

APPROVED:

FERNANDEZ, SJ, J., Chairperson

VIVERO, J.

TRESPESES, J.

* Special Member, in view of the inhibition of Justice Karl B. Miranda (Administrative Order No. 049-2020 dated March 5, 2020)

¹ Dated December 2, 2020, filed on December 11, 2020.